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Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 12:29 PM
To: Board of Selectmen
Cc: Steve Ledoux; South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
Subject: FW: MBTA/FTA Design Letter - MBTA Elevator Specs

Dear Members of the Board:

A subcommittee of SATSAC and Cory York met last Friday with Paul Hadley and representatives of the T's design team to review their 15% design for the dual platform train station. We were generally pleased with their efforts to respond to the Town's concerns and redesign the station. Paul Hadley requested that the Town send a letter supporting the T's new design so that they can convince the FTA that they will stay on schedule with the Fitchburg line reconstruction and get funds released. Paul drafted the attached letter. Also attached is a copy of the T's 15% design.

Last night SATSAC voted to recommend that the Selectmen sign the letter. The T's design includes possible parking on the Montori property on the south side. SATSAC has not yet decided the appropriate use of that land and this letter only supports the train station redesign. The question of what happens on the south side remains to be determined.

We are requesting that the Selectmen vote to approve the letter on Monday, so that the overall reconstruction of the Fitchburg line can stay on schedule. The station work will not begin until the rest of the line work is completed and is now scheduled to be done in the Fall, 2013.

I am available to attend the meeting on Monday if there are any questions.

Thank you.

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**Lauren Rosenzweig-Morton, Chairman
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June 7, 2010

Mr. Paul Hadley,
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Dear Mr. Hadley:

Thank you for providing the Town of Acton and the South Acton Train Station Advisory committee with the opportunity to review the revised 15% design plans for the South Acton Station at our meeting on May 28, 2010. The Town of Acton concurs that this new design approach meets the objectives of the Town in providing for a dual, side platform design that improves accessibility for all commuters and enhances the overall aesthetics of our community. The Town of Acton supports the proposed design and overall Fitchburg Commuter Rail Improvement project.

The modifications from the earlier design approach will benefit both the community and the MBTA. With improved multi-modal access to the station and a user friendly dual platform system it is anticipated that the station will attract new ridership, and reduce impacts to the local roadway network by providing easy access to the platforms from both the northerly and southerly sides of the station. Multi-modal accessibility will enable pedestrians, cyclists, and transit/shuttle services to access the station safely.

The Town of Acton appreciates the responsiveness of the MBTA and its design team in listening to our concerns and providing an effective solution. The enhanced transit time and increased safety and reliability of the service will be complemented by development of a new South Acton Station that reflects the needs and values and historic character of the community.

We look forward to cooperating with the MBTA in a collaborative manner as the project advances.

Sincerely,

Lauren Rosenzweig-Morton, Chair
Acton Board of Selectmen

CC: South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee